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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
STORAGE TANK LEAK DETECTION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention.

The present invention is directed towards a method and apparatus for providing a safe, precise, and cost-effective storage tank leak detection system; and more particularly, to a method and apparatus wherein the containment integrity of a storage tank is determined by mass measurements of the stored product.

2. Background Information.

Storage tanks play a vital role in today's economy. The economy, on a global scale, depends on the proper function of these tanks as they are prevalent in several industries and virtually every geographical region in the world. In light of the vital role these storage tanks play, the integrity of the tanks is placed at a premium. That is, storage tank owners are willing to invest huge sums of money in both the maintenance and inspection of such tanks.

These tanks come in all shapes and sizes, are found both below and above ground, and are used to store a wide-range of materials. Storage tank capacities range from hundreds to millions of gallons and are used to store a staggering assortment of products; these storage tanks are commonly used to store hazardous material.

1 As one could imagine, there is a wide range of problems
2 associated with maintaining storage tank integrity,
3 particularly with above ground storage tanks. Given the
4 enormous dimensions of above ground tanks, the corrosive
5 products contained within the tanks, the incredible mass of
6 the stored product, and the extreme weather conditions the
7 tanks are subjected to; it is plain to see that above ground
8 storage tank leaks are an all-to-common problem. Using the
9 United States Environmental Protection Agency leak detection
10 threshold criteria of .05 gallons per hour in a 10,000-gallon
11 underground tank, that threshold would equate to a 15 gallon
12 per hour detection level in an 80,000 barrel above ground
13 tank. Given the limited number of systems capable of meeting
14 the EPA's underground storage tank leak detection threshold
15 and the added difficulties associated with above ground tanks,
16 the difficulty in protecting against and detecting leaks is
17 easily seen.

18 However, the recognized difficulty in preventing storage
19 tank leaks does not mitigate the duties or liabilities imposed
20 on responsible parties. Tremendous environmental and economic
21 consequences and the threat of litigation and clean up costs
22 associated with storage tank leaks force responsible parties
23 to invest large sums of money in the maintenance and

1 inspection of the tanks. Tank inspections are costly with
2 respect to the amount of money spent, the danger presented to
3 the inspectors and the environment, and production downtime.
4 In fact, these inspections often remove a tank from service
5 for more than one month. The threat of liability also forces
6 responsible parties to spend money unnecessarily for the
7 maintenance of these tanks. Moreover, liability does not end
8 with litigation and clean-up costs.

9 Currently, responsible parties are, in some countries,
10 being incarcerated as a direct result of storage tanks leaks.
11 These leaks have contaminated surrounding ground water, some
12 of which serves as drinking water for local residents. As
13 such, the facilities associated with such incidents have been
14 shutdown until compliance with emissions regulations can be
15 established beyond reasonable doubt. Such proof, in turn, is
16 dependent on proof of reliable and sufficiently accurate
17 detection systems and methods for proving such compliance.
18 Each day the shuttered facilities remain inoperative adds to
19 an already tremendous amount of money lost.

20 Prior to the present invention (to be described in detail
21 hereafter), there are simply no known systems or methods by
22 which the leak detection requirements can be met. Presently
23 available leak detection systems lack detection thresholds low

1 enough to detect leaks down to permissible upper leakage
2 limits for above ground storage tanks.

3 Clearly, for the reasons set forth above, there is a dire
4 and immediate need for the ability to determine, with far more
5 precision than presently possible through use of presently
6 available systems and methods, the presence and degree of
7 leakage from above ground storage tanks, at least to the
8 extent of proving compliance with applicable storage tank
9 leakage regulations or statutes.

10 Comparison with Known Technologies in the Field

11 Storage tank leak detection systems are known in the
12 art; however, these products are fraught with problems. The
13 present systems are imprecise, or provide erroneous data for
14 any or all of reasons including: the consistency of the soil
15 acting as the tank's foundation, the temperature
16 stratification of the in-tank product, extraneous noise
17 sources, thermal expansion of the tank's contents, water
18 table level, previous soil contamination, and/or tank shell
19 dynamics.

20 Further, some detection devices can only be used when
21 the storage tank is empty, and no known system or method
22 ensures a comprehensive inspection of the tank. The most
23 common form of such a system is "vacuum box testing;"

1 however, this system is intended only for weld joints and is
2 not usually applied to the entire tank bottom. Magnetic
3 flux floor scanning is also used, but is not effective at
4 examining the area of the floor surface close to the surface
5 walls or where there are physical obstructions. Ultrasonic
6 detection is used, but this is only effective for small
7 areas of the surface. Gas detection is also used, but the
8 types of materials stored in the tank can obstruct this
9 method.

10 Other common leak detection systems employ a level
11 sensor. However, even large volume changes produce only
12 small level changes, as the cross-sectional area of the
13 liquid surface in these tanks is very large. This, combined
14 with differential expansion and temperature change of the
15 stored liquid and its vapor, make this type of detection
16 system inconsistent and very nearly worthless.

17 Finally, mass measurement detection systems are known
18 in the art. However, the presently available systems and
19 associated methods are not capable of the precision, which
20 is indicated above as crucial at the present time (and
21 which, as described below, is afforded by the systems and
22 methods of the present invention). Present mass measurement
23 leak detection systems in the art are limited by tank shell

1 variations resulting from temperature effects on tank shell
2 plating. As such, known mass measurement detection systems
3 are only sensitive enough to be used in smaller tanks,
4 typically underground storage tanks. However, as will be
5 seen in the specification to follow, the present invention
6 overcomes tank shell variations and other shortcomings of
7 presently known technology in this field through data
8 collection and data correction apparatus, techniques and
9 interpretation.

10 In light of the severe consequences of failing to
11 detect significant storage tank leaks, presently not
12 detectable through use of known systems or methods, there is
13 a compelling need for a system and method by which one can
14 detect very small leaks even in very large tanks, ideally in
15 a safe and cost effective manner.

16 It would well serve those who are responsible for
17 maintaining storage tank integrity to provide a safe,
18 precise, and cost-effective detection system that does not
19 depend on independent variables such as fluid temperature,
20 fluid stratification, or tank stabilization, and may be used
21 in an efficient manner thereby preserving industrial and
22 environmental resources.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

In view of the foregoing, it is an object of the present invention to provide a storage tank leak detection apparatus with a very low detection threshold that may be used in an efficient manner thereby preserving industrial and environmental resources.

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It is another object of the present invention to provide an apparatus for precise storage tank leak detection

It is another object of the present invention to provide an apparatus for cost-effective storage tank leak detection

It is another object of the present invention to provide an apparatus for non-intrusive storage tank leak detection

It is another object of the present invention to provide an apparatus for storage tank leak detection where the contents of the storage tank do not have to be removed

It is another object of the present invention to provide an apparatus for storage tank leak detection where no chemical additives are involved

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4 It is another object of the present invention to
5 provide an apparatus for conclusive storage tank leak
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7 It is another object of the present invention to
8 provide an apparatus for quantitative storage tank leak
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10 It is another object of the present invention to
11 provide an apparatus for storage tank leak detection that
12 does not depend on fluid temperature changes

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16 It is another object of the present invention to
17 provide an apparatus for storage tank leak detection that
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19 It is another object of the present invention to
20 provide an apparatus for storage tank leak detection that
21 requires only minimal tank preparation

22 It is another object of the present invention to
23 provide an apparatus for storage tank leak detection that

1 has been evaluated by an EPA-recognized, independent third
2 party laboratory

3 It is another object of the present invention to
4 provide a method with a very low detection threshold that
5 may be used in an efficient manner thereby preserving
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22 been evaluated by an EPA-recognized, independent third party
23 laboratory.

1 The present invention provides a safe, extremely
2 precise, and cost-effective solution to the problems
3 mentioned above. Test results associated with the present
4 invention provide an accurate determination of containment
5 integrity, and in the event of leakage, a precise volumetric
6 leak rate. The present invention is not restricted by fluid
7 type, fluid temperature, fluid level, or tank size.

8 Distinguished from products known in the art, the
9 present invention provides an intrinsically safe detection
10 system. The leak detection system of the present invention
11 uses a sufficiently low wattage (as established in the
12 National Electric Code) so that the components of the system
13 may be placed within the class I area of the tank. In fact,
14 the present invention provides for leak detection system
15 components to be placed within the storage tank. As will be
16 described in the specification to follow, placement of leak
17 detection components in the tank used in combination with
18 system control techniques and data correction software,
19 provide for precision not possible with products known in
20 the art.

21 Further, no physical inspection of the tanks is
22 required for practice of the present system. As such, there
23 is no need to drain, clean, or enter the tank. With no need

1 for physical inspection, neither inspectors nor the
2 environment are exposed to the contents of the tank. With
3 no need to drain the storage tank, practice of the present
4 invention does not produce hazardous by-products associated
5 with the draining/cleaning process, and danger from
6 transport and storage of the drained product is avoided.
7 Finally, the systems and methods of the present invention do
8 not require chemical additives to be mixed with the tank
9 contents. As such, incidental spills and leaks are avoided
10 altogether.

11 Practice of the present invention is cost effective.
12 Tank structure or the foundation and surrounding soil are
13 not disturbed, as such; set-up time and capital investment
14 costs are minimized. The present invention is non-intrusive
15 and does not require manual inspection of the tank.
16 Therefore, operation of the tank is not hindered, so there
17 is no production downtime. There is no cost related to the
18 handling, transport, disposal, or storage of removed
19 hazardous material. Finally, testing can be accomplished
20 simultaneously to further reduce the total time involved and
21 rapidly identify problem areas.

22 The determinative feature of mass measurement leak
23 detection systems is the sensitivity of the apparatus. That

1 is, the lower the leak detection threshold level of a
2 device, the more effective it will be at detecting leaks.
3 The present invention, by employing a combination of
4 techniques and components not known in the art, provides a
5 leak detection threshold that is much lower than any known
6 device. Most importantly, the system of the present
7 invention provides for placing mass measuring components
8 within the actual storage tank, thereby eliminating
9 extraneous noise associated with bubbler units required by
10 other products in the art. The system secures the mass
11 measuring components within a vacuum and holds the mass
12 measurement component's temperature constant during the
13 entire measurement process. Further, the system corrects
14 errors in the data attributed to storage tank shell dynamics
15 and inherent imprecision in the mass measurement devices.
16 This data correction process will be discussed in detail in
17 the specification to follow.

18 As mentioned, tank shell variations limit the
19 effectiveness of presently known mass measurement detection
20 systems. The systems and methods of the present invention
21 overcome tank shell variations through data collection and
22 data correction techniques. First, data is collected
23 through use of a quartz crystal type pressure transducer

1 (the specifications and use of this transducer will be
2 explained in more detail in the Detailed Description of the
3 Preferred Embodiment). An intrinsically safe remote
4 terminal unit, connected to the pressure transducer, records
5 pressure data over a period of time (preferably one to five
6 nights). The atmospheric temperature and barometric
7 pressure are recorded and precisely analyzed to calculate
8 any changes in the mass of the fluid within the tank. This
9 data is regressed to give a line slope that is converted to
10 a leak rate, usually in gallons per hour.

11 Data generated by the transducer is collected on a 24-
12 hour basis. Only data containing a sufficiently low amount
13 of extraneous noise is analyzed. Such data is usually
14 obtained at nighttime and during fair weather conditions.
15 Also, data correction software accounts for the coefficient
16 of expansion for any given storage tank. This correction
17 eliminates the effect of the sun's radiant energy on the
18 area of the surface tank, which may adversely affect the
19 mass measurement of the stored product. The nighttime data
20 is corrected for atmospheric conditions and variations in
21 the tank shell. These measurements and corrections allow
22 the system to repeatedly achieve the stated accuracy in real
23 world conditions on a routine basis.

1 For even greater precision, the leak detection system
2 of the present invention provides for an independent
3 barometric measuring means to constantly record the
4 barometric pressure during the data collection process.
5 This independent barometric pressure measuring means used in
6 combination with data correction software, corrects any zero
7 drift associated with the individual pressure transducer.
8 That is, this system corrects for the inherent error present
9 in any transducer when that transducer deviates from its
10 initial calibration.

11 Practice of the apparatus involves securing a
12 combination of precise mass measurement components,
13 including a highly precise quartz crystal type pressure
14 transducer, in a vacuum-sealed canister. This canister is
15 then lowered to the bottom surface of a storage tank. A
16 differential reference is placed just above a liquid
17 surface. The pressure, measured at the tank floor ("tank
18 bottom pressure") and atmospheric pressure measured just
19 above the liquid surface, is recorded by the above-
20 referenced micro sensitive differential pressure transducer,
21 recorded on a real time basis and post processed using a
22 data analysis routine to accurately calculate any changes in
23 the mass of fluid contained within the tank to determine if

1 there is a loss. The present system, using the specified
2 transducer, and when used in the manner and with the data
3 interpretation described herein, is capable of detecting
4 above ground storage tank leaks at a threshold of less than
5 .9 gallons per hour with a probability of detection of 95%
6 in a 100,000 barrel tank - far more accurate than possible
7 with any presently available quantitative leak detection
8 system. This, quantitatively, amounts to detecting pressure
9 differentials equivalent to less than 1/10,000th inch of
10 water column pressure, a tolerance level necessary to
11 achieve such detection thresholds.

12 The method and apparatus of the present invention
13 provides a safe and effective way to detect very small leaks
14 in very large tanks. Particularly, the present invention
15 provides a tremendous improvement in accuracy and leak
16 detection threshold, allowing its users to achieve greater
17 results than presently thought possible.

18 Thus, in satisfaction of the above objects, an
19 embodiment of the present invention provides systems and
20 methods for solving each of the stated problems with
21 presently available storage tank leak detection systems.
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1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

2 Annex A is a printout of the computer program source
3 code referred to herein as the RTU program.

4 Fig. 1 is a block diagram depicting the general layout
5 of the present leak detection system.

6 Fig. 2 is an elevational, sagital cross sectional view
7 of the canister ("protective enclosure means") of the leak
8 detection system.

9 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

10 In the drawings and the description that follows,
11 referring to figure 1, a preferred embodiment of a storage
12 tank leak detection system according to the present invention
13 is generally designated as system 10. An embodiment of the
14 present invention is shown to include a vacuum-sealed canister
15 12, which houses and protects a plurality of mass measurement
16 components and system control components. In the preferred
17 embodiment, vacuum-sealed canister 12 is made of a
18 substantially non-corrosive metal (aluminum, for example),
19 however, any material that is corrosion resistant and offers
20 sufficient protection to the components enclosed is adequate
21 for use with the present invention. Canister 12 is directly
22 immersed in storage tank 60 and rests on storage tank bottom
23 surface 62. Canister 12 further contains vacuum seal nozzle

1 14 and transducer high side aperture 20. Vacuum seal nozzle
2 14 allows communication means to pass from the inside of the
3 canister to the outside of the canister while maintaining the
4 integrity of the vacuum inside the canister. Vacuum nozzle 14
5 further contains barometric pressure measuring means aperture
6 16 and transducer low side aperture 18.

7 At its proximate end canister hose 15 forms a fluid tight
8 seal with vacuum seal nozzle 14. Extending from vacuum seal
9 nozzle 14, canister hose 15 passes through storage tank top
10 surface recess 64 to an area outside of the class I region of
11 storage tank 60 (class I region refers to the National
12 Electric Code designated hazardous areas in which only power
13 wattage levels of less than certain prescribed levels may be
14 introduced). Canister hose 15 serves as a conduit for
15 communication means extending through vacuum nozzle 14 and as
16 an atmospheric reference in its service as a barometric
17 pressure measuring means reference hose. Canister hose 15
18 allows transducer low side aperture 18 and barometric pressure
19 measuring means aperture 16 to be directly exposed to
20 atmospheric pressure while maintaining a fluid tight seal with
21 vacuum seal nozzle 14 thereby preserving the integrity of the
22 vacuum of canister 12.

1 Contained within vacuum-sealed canister 12 is
2 differential pressure transmitter 22. In the preferred
3 embodiment, differential pressure transmitter 22 is comprised
4 of a highly precise quartz crystal type pressure transducer
5 24. Transducer 24 contains an oscillating quartz crystal and
6 has a resolution of 1×10^{-8} , as known in the industry. Such a
7 unit is available from Paroscientific, Inc. as Model No. 6015-
8 G. The ultimate resolution achievable with a transducer is
9 limited by its noise level. System 10 greatly reduces noise
10 thereby increasing the resolution of transmitter 24. In
11 system 10, transmitter 22 has been modified from its original
12 configuration so that it may be directly immersed in storage
13 tank 60. This modification has eliminated dependence on any
14 bubbler unit (thereby eliminating noise associated with such
15 units) as required by other products. As will be further
16 described in this section, transducer 24 is held at a constant
17 temperature and secured in vacuum to further reduce noise.

18 Quartz crystal type pressure transducer 24 is further
19 comprised of transducer low side 26. Transducer low side 26
20 is a differential reference that receives the barometric
21 pressure value at the liquid surface. Transducer low side
22 tube 28 forms an air tight seal at its proximate end with
23 transducer low side 26 and extends through the vacuum of

1 canister 12 where it forms an air tight seal at its distal end
2 at transducer low side aperture 18 of vacuum seal nozzle 14.
3 Transducer low side tube 28 allows transducer low side 26 to
4 receive the barometric pressure from the reference point at
5 the liquid surface while allowing canister 12 to remain in
6 vacuum.

7 Quartz crystal type pressure transducer 24 is further
8 comprised of transducer high side 30. Quartz crystal type
9 pressure transducer high side 30 is a pressure reference
10 point, which measures the sum of the barometric and
11 hydrostatic pressure at tank bottom surface 62. Transducer
12 high side 30 contains a protruding transducer high side tube
13 32. In the preferred embodiment, transducer high side tube 32
14 is filled with a pressure-sensing liquid and extends through
15 transducer high side aperture 20 where it is ported to the
16 product contained in tank 60. Transducer high side tube 32 is
17 surrounded by tube fitting 34. In the preferred embodiment,
18 tube fitting 34 slides along high side tube 32 and forms a
19 fluid tight seal at high side aperture 20. Tube fitting 34
20 allows high side tube 32 to extend through high side aperture
21 20 while maintaining the integrity of the vacuum of canister
22 12.

1 Transducer 24 subtracts the value received at transducer
2 low side 26 from the value received at transducer high side 30
3 to arrive at the pressure exerted by the mass of the stored
4 product. Transmitter 22, communicating digitally, then sends
5 this processed information to data-logging computer 30. This
6 data is transmitted along data transfer means 23. In the
7 preferred embodiment, data transfer means 23 is a standard bus
8 communications cable. However, one could easily envision a
9 data transfer means such as wireless communication that would
10 work equally as well. Data transfer means 23 extends from the
11 output of differential pressure transmitter 22 through vacuum
12 seal nozzle 14 and continues, separated from storage tank's 60
13 contents by canister hose 15, to data logging computer 30.

14 Also contained within canister 12 is current transmitter
15 34. Current transmitter 34 serves as a part of a temperature
16 regulation scheme used to keep the contents of canister 12 at
17 a constant temperature during the data gathering process.
18 Current transmitter 34, in the preferred embodiment, actuates
19 a resistive heater 36 by a simple on/off control loop. Heat
20 sink 38, acting in combination with current transmitter 34 and
21 resistive heater 36 acts to regulate the temperature of
22 canister 12. While the above temperature regulating scheme has
23 been described with reference to one embodiment, one could

1 easily imagine other temperature regulation schemes that would
2 work equally as well. Data transfer means 39 extends from
3 the output of current transmitter 34 through vacuum seal
4 nozzle 14 and continues, separated from storage tank's 60
5 contents by canister hose 15, to data logging computer 30. In
6 the preferred embodiment, data transfer means 39 is a standard
7 bus communications cable. However, one could easily envision
8 a data transfer means such as wireless communication that
9 would work equally as well.

10 The use of this temperature regulation scheme to hold
11 transmitter 22 at a constant temperature further increases the
12 precision of the current apparatus. The absolute temperature
13 at which transmitter 22 is maintained is not critical, rather
14 constancy of temperature affects the integrity of the subject
15 measurements. As a matter of practicality and economy,
16 temperature of transmitter 22 is maintained, according to the
17 presently preferred mode of the present invention, at a
18 temperature of approximately 1° F above the ambient
19 temperature of the product (oil or gasoline, for example) in
20 tank 60. If, for example, the product is at 50° F,
21 transmitter 22 is maintained at 51° F, if the product is at
22 90° F, transmitter 22 is maintained at 91° F, and so forth.

1 Also contained within canister 12 is barometric pressure
2 measuring means 40. Barometric measuring means 40 serves as
3 an independent reference for true atmospheric pressure. In
4 the preferred embodiment, barometric pressure measuring means
5 40 may be any standard barometer that sends signals to be
6 processed by data logging computer 30. Barometric measuring
7 means 40 is very useful for increasing the precision of system
8 10. All transducers decrease in accuracy over time as they
9 lose their calibration with respect to true atmospheric
10 pressure. This is known as zero drift. However, the present
11 invention employs barometric measuring means 40 to serve as an
12 independent measure of true atmospheric pressure thereby
13 allowing for data correction over any extended period of time.
14 As will be discussed in this section, data correction using
15 values taken from barometric pressure measuring means 40 is
16 software based and greatly increases the precision of the
17 current invention.

18 Barometric measuring means tube 42 forms an air tight
19 seal at it proximate end with Barometric measuring means 40
20 and extends though the vacuum of canister 12 where it forms an
21 air tight seal at its distal end at barometric measuring means
22 aperture 16 of vacuum seal nozzle 14. Barometric measuring
23 means tube 42 allows barometric measuring means 40 to receive

1 the barometric pressure from the reference point at the
2 surface of liquid within storage tank 60, while allowing the
3 interior of canister 12 (with transmitter 22 installed
4 therein) to remain in vacuum so as to substantially eliminate
5 any environmentally-effected variations in instrument
6 performance). Data transfer means 43 extends from the output
7 of barometric pressure measuring means 40 through vacuum seal
8 nozzle 14 and continues, separated from storage tank's 60
9 contents by canister hose 15, to data logging computer 30. In
10 the preferred embodiment, data transfer means 43 is a standard
11 bus communications cable. However, one could easily envision
12 a data transfer means such as wireless communication that
13 would work equally as well.

14 Although not necessary, remote computer 30 is typically
15 housed in a separate enclosure, such as field unit 50. In
16 accordance with the described routines to follow and the
17 exemplary computer code depicted in Annex A attached hereto
18 and incorporated herein by reference, data logging computer
19 processes data received from transmitter 22, current
20 transmitter 34, resistive heater 36, heat sink 38, and
21 barometric pressure measuring means 40. Data logging computer
22 30 communicates with remote computer 70 by data transfer means
23 72.

1 The software commences operation with the initialization
2 of data collection at the tank bottom, along with the
3 atmospheric and environmental conditions. Data is
4 automatically collected via computer controlled programming
5 over some length of time, preferably 36 to 60 hours. The
6 length of the test is dependent on tank size and site
7 atmospheric conditions. In the preferred embodiment, data
8 transfer means 72 is a standard bus communications cable.
9 However, one could easily envision a data transfer means such
10 as wireless communication that would work equally as well.

11 As will be discussed and illustrated hereafter, remote
12 computer 70 contains software that performs linear regressions
13 of data received from data logging computer 30. This
14 regression detects minuscule changes in the mass of the stored
15 product, thereby indicating the presence of the smallest of
16 leaks. As the compilation of data grows, the more precise the
17 regression becomes. The post processing module and software
18 of remote computer 70 is independent of the data-logging
19 computer 30.

20 There are two software programs or modules involved with
21 the storage tank leak detection system of the present
22 invention: The RTU program and the linear regression program.

23 The RTU program is performed by data logging computer 30

1 and is responsible for obtaining (routine 100) and correcting
2 (routine 200) pressure readings from transmitter 22,
3 controlling the temperature of transmitter 22 (routine 300),
4 calculating adjustments for tank shell expansions (routine
5 400), obtaining transmitter 22 temperature (routine 500), and
6 data storage. The data acquired by the RTU program is stored
7 within data-logging computer 30 in non-volatile memory 31.

8 The purpose of the RTU program is to interrogate an
9 intelligent differential pressure transmitter (transmitter 22)
10 via a serial connection. The pressure read from transmitter
11 22 is the difference in pressure read from transducer low side
12 26 and transducer high side 30. That pressure value is
13 modified by two additional variables in order to improve the
14 accuracy of the reading. The program performs correction of
15 barometric pressure; an analog barometer (such as barometric
16 pressure measuring means 40) provides the signal that is sent
17 to correct transmitter pressure for errors due to changes in
18 barometric pressure, as measured at the upper surface of the
19 contents of storage tank 60. Also, the program monitors
20 ambient temperature to compensate for changes in the tank
21 diameter which otherwise would skew the data interpretation,
22 intended solely to detect variations of contents of storage
23 tank 60 due to leakage. Any change in tank diameter is

1 accommodated in the calculations of transmitter 22, thus
2 properly attributing substantially all variations in
3 differential pressure (already corrected for variations in
4 atmospheric pressure, as mentioned above) to variations in the
5 content of storage tank 60, such as through leakage.

6 Routine 100, obtaining pressure readings from transmitter
7 22, is performed every one minute as follows: at step 101 a
8 command is sent to transmitter 22 to obtain a new pressure
9 sample, at step 102 a command to wait for the new sample is
10 sent, at step 103 a command to ask for the new sample is sent.
11 The data is returned as an ASCII psi number.

12 Routine 200, adjusting transducer 24 pressure reading
13 according to barometric measuring means 40, is performed as
14 follows: At step 201 the user enters installation parameters
15 reflecting: (1) a predetermined barometric correction factor
16 which is laboratory-determined for each transmitter 22 to
17 establish, and to later enable calibration of the transmitter
18 22's "zero point"; (2) the coefficient of expansion for
19 storage tank 60 (a factor readily calculated by persons
20 reasonably skilled in the relevant field, applying common
21 materials engineering principles to standards pertaining to
22 storage tank design and materials); (3) the ambient
23 temperature at the installation site at the time installation

1 (for use in calculating dimensional variations in tank 60
2 according to the aforementioned coefficient of expansion; and
3 (4) the specific gravity of the product contained in storage
4 tank 60. The user will also enter the desired temperature
5 setting for resistive heater 36.

6 At step 202 the following calculations are undertaken:

$$7 \quad \text{Hadj} = H - \text{Bcf} * (B - 14.5)$$

$$8 \quad \text{Hadj} / \text{sg}$$

9 where (for the present discussion, although not precisely
10 reflected in the same terms in the appended source code) Hadj
11 = adjusted or derived head pressure; H = head pressure in
12 water feet (Hpsi x 2.037); Hpsi = head pressure in pounds per
13 square inch (measured at high side 30 of transmitter 22); B =
14 barometer reading in pounds per square inch; sg = specific
15 gravity of the content of tank 60; and Bcf = the barometric
16 correction factor. The number 14.5 is a somewhat arbitrary
17 number which is fairly close to an expected range of actual,
18 measured barometric pressure. This factor is subtracted from
19 measured barometric pressure in order to reduce certain
20 calculated figures to a smaller, and more manageable level for
21 later processing (linear regression, etc.) in tracking minute
22 mass differences in storage tank contents. At step 203 this

1 adjusted or derived pressure data is used to calculate the
2 mass of the product in the tank based on the tank's diameter.

3 Routine 300, controlling transducer 24 temperature, is
4 performed as follows: at step 301 the digital output to
5 current transmitter 34 is turned on when the temperature read
6 from analog input of heat sink 38 is .1 degree below the
7 temperature set point, at step 302 the digital output to
8 current transmitter 34 is turned off when the temperature is
9 0.1 degree above the set point.

10 Routine 400, adjusting the previously derived content
11 mass for tank shell expansion, is performed as follows: at
12 step 401 the ambient temperature is averaged to obtain a
13 temperature to use in calculating the change in tank diameter,
14 this calculation requires the coefficient of expansion and the
15 tank diameter to be entered by the user either at startup (as
16 mentioned previously) or at any time, the result obtained is
17 used to adjust the total mass in the tank for erroneous,
18 environmentally effected false indications of changes in the
19 content of tank 60, to yield purely leakage related variations
20 (assuming no intension addition or removal of contents by
21 other means).

22 Routine 500, obtaining transducer 24 temperature, is
23 performed as follows: at step 501 a command is sent to

1 transmitter 22 to obtain a new temperature, at step 502 a
2 command to wait for the temperature reading is sent, at step
3 503 a command to ask transmitter 22 for the new reading is
4 sent.

5 Finally, the RTU program is responsible for data storage.
6 The amount of data storage available will determine how many
7 days of data are stored for retrieval. One record per minute
8 is stored. The organization of the data is by days. The
9 record for every minute will include: (1) the tank contents in
10 pounds (as a floating-point number, IEEE 32 bit format), (2)
11 the barometric pressure (as a x100-16 bit integer), (3) the
12 ambient temperate (as x100-16 bit integer). Other data, such
13 as previous transducer temperatures, tank diameter, and tank
14 coefficient of expansion, may also be stored as current data.
15 The second software program of the storage tank leak detection
16 system of the claimed invention is the linear regression
17 program. Remote computer 70 performs this program. Routine
18 700, linear regression of received data, is performed as
19 follows: at step 701 the data file created by the RTU program
20 is created and the leak analysis is performed, at step 702 the
21 data sections are selected for the quality of weather during
22 that particular data section- only nighttime data are
23 typically used in order to minimize extraneous noise in the

1 analysis, at step 703 a best linear fit is used for data
2 points in each data section- when the sections of data that
3 represent durations of appropriately low noise level are
4 included in the best fit data regression, the slope of the
5 best fit line indicates the leak rate. Calculation of the
6 linear regression and best fit are straightforward and could
7 be performed by common software such as Microsoft Excel.

8 It is believed that, while safe and efficient, the
9 present device will obviate significant inconvenience and
10 provide substantial utility to those who wish to detect leaks
11 in storage tanks. Specifically, the present device will allow
12 very small leaks to be detected in very large storage tanks in
13 a consistent and cost-effective manner.

14 Although the invention has been described with reference
15 to specific embodiments, this description is not meant to be
16 construed in a limited sense. Various modifications of the
17 disclosed embodiments, as well as alternative embodiments of
18 the inventions will become apparent to person skilled in the
19 art upon the reference to the description of the invention.
20 It is therefore contemplated that the appended claims will
21 cover such modification that fall within the scope of the
22 invention.
23

ANNEX A

```
/******  
*                                     *  
* Mass Technologies - Data logger   *  
*                                     *  
*  
*****/
```

```
// use 2700H for root memory reserve
```

```
#use eziobl17.lib  
#use aasc.lib  
#use aascz0.lib  
#use aascz1.lib  
#use aascsc.lib  
#use vdriver.lib  
#use msz.lib  
#ue flashstore.lib
```

```
#define pi 3.1415927
```

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Configuration Data - stored in Flash  
//  
////////////////////////////////////
```

```
float calib[6][2] = {  
//      {-4979, 16.68}, // min,max for Baro sensor psi for 0-10V converter  
      {0.0, 36.0},  
      {00.0, 100.0}, //      for xducer temp degF (0-100)  
      {00.0, 150.0}, //      for tanktemp 1 (0-150)  
      {00.0, 150.0}, //      for tanktemp 2 (0-150)  
      {00.0, 150.0}, //      for tanktemp 3 (0-150)  
      {00.0, 150.0} //      for tanktemp 4 (0-150)  
};
```

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Installation Data - stored in Flash  
//  
////////////////////////////////////
```

```

float desired_xducer_temp = 60.0;
float Bcf          = 0.004;
float coef_of_expn  = 1.000;
float tank_dia      = 60.0;
float sg            = 1.00;
float initial_temp   = 60.0;
float day_start      = 0000;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Logging Data - Current data stored in ram, previous days
//          stored in flash
//
////////////////////////////////////

struct {                                // holds 6 hours of logging data
    int initial1, initial2; // set to 1234, (rec#) when memory is initialized
    int year;
    int month;
    int day;
    int hour;
    int min;
    float mass[240];
    unsigned int baro[240];
    int avg_temp[240];
    int xducer_temp[240];
} datastorage;

union { datastorage f; char flash[2560]; } data;

union { float f; unsigned int i[2]; } modbusd;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Runtime data storage -- it is not necessary to save
//          this between runs
//
////////////////////////////////////

#define BUFFSIZE 64
struct _Channel *chan1;                // channel for serial baro sensor
char readBuf1[BUFFSIZE];               // storage buffer for data from sensor
char writeBuf1[BUFFSIZE];              // storage for data to sensor
struct _Channel *chan4;                // channel for serial to terminal
char readBuf4[BUFFSIZE];               // storage buffer for data from terminal

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char writeBuf4[BUFSIZE];           // storage for data to terminal
char eol[3] = {13, 10, 0};         // end of line (carriage return, line feed) string
char baro_cmnd[24];                 // command to baro sensor
char baro_resp[64];                 // response from baro sensor
char serial_temp[24];               // latest temp from baro sensor
char serial_pressure[24];           // latest pressure from baro sensor
char term_in[64];                   // line received from terminal
char term_out[64];                  // data to send to terminal
char date_time[24];

shared float avg_tank_temp; // average of the four tank temp sensors
shared float xducer_temp_min; //
shared float xducer_temp_max; //
shared float xducer_temp_avg; //
shared float xducer_ytemp_min; //
shared float xducer_ytemp_max; //
shared float xducer_ytemp_avg; //
int heater;
int start_hour, start_min; //
int start_year;
char *flashptr;
int current_record;
int modbusaddr;

```

```

union { datastorage f; char flash[2560]; } old;

```

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Current sensor values -- updated as new data arrives
//
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

```

shared float cur_xducer_sensor;
shared float cur_xducer_temp;
shared float cur_local_baro;
shared float cur_pod_temp;
shared float cur_tank_temp_1;
shared float cur_tank_temp_2;
shared float cur_tank_temp_3;
shared float cur_tank_temp_4;

```

```

shared float mass;
shared float baro;

```

```

int year, month, day, hour, minute;

```

```

int monthdayhour;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// read date/time from RTC
//
//
////////////////////////////////////

void read_datetime(){
    struct tm time;

    tm_rd(&time);
    year = time.tm_year + 1900;
    month = time.tm_mon;
    day = time.tm_mday;
    hour = time.tm_hour;
    minute = time.tm_min;
    monthdayhour = month*1000 + day*100 + hour;
    return;
}

void write_datetime(){
    struct tm time;

    time.tm_year = year-1900;
    time.tm_mon = month;
    time.tm_mday= day;
    time.tm_hour= hour;
    time.tm_min = minute;
    tm_wr(&time);
}
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Read record# into root memory
//
//
////////////////////////////////////

void flash_read(int record){

    long a;

    a=flashstorage + (record*sizeof(data.flash));

```

```

xmem2root(
    a,
    &old.flash,
    sizeof(data.flash)
);
return;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Write current logging data into
// flash memory at record#
//
////////////////////////////////////

void flash_write(int record){
    int r;

    r=WriteFlash(
        flashstorage+ ( record*sizeof(data.flash) ) ,
        data.flash,
        sizeof(data.flash)
    );
    // if (r!=0)
    // printf("\nFlash error %d, writing record %d",r,record);
    return;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ready storage system for use
//
////////////////////////////////////

void flash_restart(){
    // go down flash storage, if any record is not yet intialized,
    // initialize it
    int i;

    for (i=0; i<36; i++) {
        flash_read(i);

        if (old.f.initial1!=1234 || old.f.initial2!=i) {
            old.f.year = 0;

```

```

old.f.day = 0;
old.f.hour = 0;
old.f.initial1=1234;
old.f.initial2=i;
WriteFlash(
    flashstorage+ ( i*sizeof(old.flash) ) ,
    old.flash,
    sizeof(old.flash)
);
}
}
return;
}

```

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// return index number for record
//
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

```

getindex(int h, int m){
    return ( ((h*60+m)%240) );
}

```

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Return index # for current data point
//
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

```

getcurrentindex(){

    read_datetime();
    return(getindex(hour,minute));

}

```

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Format a date/time string from

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```

// record # and index in a flash record
// return: year-mm-dd hh:mm
// if record # is < 0, use current (RAM) record
// if record # is not <0, use flash record that should
// have been copied to RAM as 'old'
////////////////////////////////////

int formatdt(int recnum, int index) {
    int lyear, lmonth, lday, lhour, lminute;

    if (recnum < 0) {
        lyear = data.f.year;
        lmonth = data.f.month;
        lday = data.f.day;
        lhour = data.f.hour;
    } else {
        lyear = old.f.year;
        lmonth = old.f.month;
        lday = old.f.day;
        lhour = old.f.hour;
    }
    lminute = index;
    lhour = lhour + ((int)lminute/60);
    lminute = lminute % 60;
    sprintf(date_time, "%4d-%02d-%02d %02d:%02d", lyear, lmonth, lday, lhour,
        lminute);
    if (lyear < 2001 || lyear > 2100) lyear = 0;
    return(lyear);
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Scale input values into engineering units
//
//
////////////////////////////////////

float scale(float x, int sensor_number){
    float m, b;
    float result;

    if (sensor_number > 0) x = (x-2.0)*1.25; // base inputs > 1 on 4-20mA sigs.

    m = (calib[sensor_number][1]-calib[sensor_number][0])/10;
    b = calib[sensor_number][0];

```

```

result = m*x + b;

//printf("scaled: %f\n", result);
return result;
}

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Head correction for barometric pressure changes
// returns corrected head in feet
//
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

float HcBaro
( float Hpsi,      // Head in psi
  float B,         // barometer in psi
  float sg         // specific gravity
) {

float H;           // head in feet

H = Hpsi * 2.307;           // result in feet of water
H = H - Bcf * ( B - 14.5 ); // result is in

return H / sg;
}

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Head correction for temperature change
// returns Head correction amount
//
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

float HcTemp
( float Di,      // initial diameter in feet
  float Ti,      // initial temp in deg F
  float T,       // current temp in deg F
  float sg,      // specific gravity
  float H,       // current Head in feet
  float fac      // coef of expansion
)
{
float Ci;        // initial circ in feet

```



```

float Cf;           // final circ in feet
float Df;           // final dia in feet
float Ai;           // initial area ft^2
float Af;           // final area ft^2
float dV;           // change in tank volume

Ci = Di * pi;
Cf = Ci + ( Ci * 5.6e-6 * fac * (T - Ti));
Df = Cf / pi;
Ai = Di*Di / 4. * pi;
Af = Df*Df / 4. * pi;
dV = (Ai - Af) * H;
return H - (dV / Af);
}

clear_local_store(){
int i, h;

read_datetime();
h = hour - (hour % 4);

data.f.initial1 = 1234;
data.f.initial2 = -1;

for (i=0; i<240; i++) {
    data.f.mass[i]=-1.0;
    data.f.baro[i]=0;
    data.f.avg_temp[i]=0;
}
data.f.year = year;
data.f.month = month;
data.f.day = day;
data.f.hour = h;
data.f.min = 0;
}

check_local_store(){
int i, h;

// check data store in ram -- if it is not correct for the current
// data, write to flash, and initial RAM

read_datetime();
h = hour - (hour % 4);

```

```

if ( data.f.year != year || data.f.month != month
    || data.f.day != day || data.f.hour != h
    || data.f.initial1 != 1234 || data.f.initial2 != -1)
{
    flash_write(current_record);
    current_record = (current_record+1)%36;
    clear_local_store();
}
}

main() {
    int pos;                                // used for baro serial input processing
    int i, index;
    int rr, ii;
    float f;
    union { float f; char c[4]; } u;
    float Hc;

    int lastminute;                        // used to track time changes

    VdInit();
    eioBrdInit(0);

    if (current_record < 0) current_record = 0;
    current_record %= 36;

    // open channel for baro serial transmissions
    chan1 = aascOpen(DEV_Z1, 0, ASCI_PARAM_8N1+ASCI_PARAM_1200*8,NULL);
    aascSetReadBuf (chan1, readBuf1, sizeof(readBuf1));
    aascSetWriteBuf(chan1, writeBuf1, sizeof(writeBuf1));
    aascTxSwitch(chan1,1);
    aascRxSwitch(chan1,1);

    // open channel for serial to terminal
    chan4 = aascOpen(DEV_SCC, 0, SCC_B+SCC_8N1+SCC_1200*8,NULL);
    aascSetReadBuf (chan4, readBuf4, sizeof(readBuf4));
    aascSetWriteBuf(chan4, writeBuf4, sizeof(writeBuf4));
    aascTxSwitch(chan4,1);
    aascRxSwitch(chan4,1);

    // open up modbus comms
    msaZ0(modbusaddr,9600,0);              // modbus ascii Rs232, 9600,8,n,1

```

```
strcpy(term_out,"MTC data logger. v1.30 \r\n\r\n*");
```

```
read_datetime();  
lastminute = minute;  
xducer_temp_min = 9999.9;  
xducer_temp_max = 0.0;  
xducer_temp_avg = 0.0;  
xducer_ytemp_min = 9999.9;  
xducer_ytemp_max = 0.0;  
xducer_ytemp_avg = 0.0;  
cur_local_baro = 14.5;
```

```
start_hour = (int)(day_start/100);  
start_min = (int)(day_start - (start_hour*100));
```

```
while(1==1) {
```

```
    // do analog input processing  
    costate analog_inputs always_on {  
        f=eioBrdAI(0);  
        cur_local_baro = ((cur_local_baro*10)+scale(f, 0))/11.0;  
        f=eioBrdAI(1);  
        cur_pod_temp = scale(f,1);  
        f=eioBrdAI(2);  
        cur_tank_temp_1 = scale(f,2);  
        f=eioBrdAI(3);  
        cur_tank_temp_2 = scale(f,3);  
        f=eioBrdAI(4);  
        cur_tank_temp_3 = scale(f,4);  
        f=eioBrdAI(5);  
        cur_tank_temp_4 = scale(f,5);  
        waitfor (DelayMs(1000));  
    }
```

```
    costate data_processing always_on {  
        read_datetime();  
        if (lastminute != minute) {                // a new minute -- do processing
```

```
            // watch for new day -- reset avg/min/max values  
            if (hour == 0 && minute == 0) {  
                xducer_ytemp_min = xducer_temp_min;  
                xducer_ytemp_max = xducer_temp_max;  
                xducer_ytemp_avg = xducer_temp_avg;  
                xducer_temp_min = 9999.9;
```

```

    xducer_temp_max = 0.0;
    xducer_temp_avg = cur_xducer_temp;
}

// record min/max/avg baro temp
if (xducer_temp_min > cur_xducer_temp) xducer_temp_min = cur_xducer_temp;
if (xducer_temp_avg < 1.0) xducer_temp_avg = cur_xducer_temp;
if (xducer_temp_max < cur_xducer_temp) xducer_temp_max = cur_xducer_temp;
xducer_temp_avg = ((xducer_temp_avg*9.0)+cur_xducer_temp)/10.0;

// create avg tank temp
//avg_tank_temp =
(cur_tank_temp_1+cur_tank_temp_2+cur_tank_temp_3+cur_tank_temp_4)/4.0;    //removed
9/10/02
avg_tank_temp = cur_tank_temp_1;

// calc mass
Hc = HcBaro ( cur_xducer_sensor , cur_local_baro , sg );
Hc = HcTemp ( tank_dia, initial_temp, avg_tank_temp, sg, Hc, coef_of_expn);
mass = Hc;
lastminute = minute;

// check for room in RAM, write out record in flash if full
check_local_store();           // reset local data store

// save results
index = getcurrentindex();           // get index for data
data.f.mass[index] = mass;
data.f.baro[index] = (int)(cur_local_baro*1000); //cur_xducer_sensor*2307); changed
2/18/02
data.f.avg_temp[index] = (int)(avg_tank_temp*100);
data.f.xducer_temp[index] = (int)(cur_xducer_temp*100);
}
waitfor(DelayMs(250));
}

// run heater relay
costate heater_relay always_on {
    if (cur_pod_temp < desired_xducer_temp-0.1) {
        eioBrdDO(BankB(0),1);    // turn on output
        heater = 1;
    }
    if (cur_pod_temp > desired_xducer_temp+0.1) {
        eioBrdDO(BankB(0),0);    // turn off output
        heater = 0;
    }
}

```

```

    }
    waitfor (DelayMs(1000));
}

// display heater status by blinking on board LED when heater should be on
costate heater_status always_on {
    if (heater) {
        switchLED(0);
        waitfor (DelayMs(100));
        switchLED(1);
        waitfor (DelayMs(100));
    }else{
        switchLED(1);
        waitfor (DelayMs(100));
        switchLED(0);
        waitfor (DelayMs(2000));
    }
}

// do serial output to baro sensor
costate baro_ouput always_on {
    // if output string is non-zero in length, output it to the sensor
    if (strlen(baro_cmnd)>0) {
        //printf("S:%s:\n", baro_cmnd);
        aascFlushRdBuf(chan1); // flush out input buffer
        baro_resp[0]=0; // zero out response string
        aascWriteBlk(chan1,baro_cmnd,strlen(baro_cmnd),1);
        aascWriteBlk(chan1,eol,2,1); // send end of line
        baro_cmnd[0]=0; // zero out command
    }
    yield;
}

// do serial input from baro sensor
costate baro_input always_on {
    if (aascScanTerm(chan1, 0x0a)>0){
        pos = aascReadBlk(chan1, baro_resp,sizeof(baro_resp),0);
        baro_resp[pos] = 0; // mark end of received string
        // go down string, end string at first <cr>
        for (i=0; i<pos; i++) if (baro_resp[i]==13) baro_resp[i]=0;
        //printf("R:%s:\n", baro_resp);
        aascFlushRdBuf(chan1);
    }
    yield;
}

```

```

// do serial output to terminal
costate term_ouput always_on {
    // if output string is non-zero in length, output it to the sensor
    if (strlen(term_out)>0 && (aascWriteBufFree(chan4) > strlen(term_out)+3) ) {
        aascWriteBlk(chan4,term_out,strlen(term_out),1);
        if (term_out[strlen(term_out)-1]!='*')
            aascWriteBlk(chan4,eol,2,1);           // send end of line
            term_out[0]=0;                         // zero out command
    }
    yield;
}

// do serial input from terminal
costate term_input always_on {
    if (aascScanTerm(chan4, 0x0d)>0){
        pos = aascReadBlk(chan4, term_in,sizeof(baro_resp),0);
        term_in[pos] = 0;                         // mark end of received string
        // go down string, end string at first <cr>
        for (i=0; i<pos; i++) if (term_in[i]==13) term_in[i]=0;
        //printf("Rt%d:%s:\n", strlen(term_in), term_in);
        aascFlushRdBuf(chan4);
    }
    yield;
}

// do modbus processing
costate modbus_io always_on{
    msRun();
    yield;
}

// do terminal processing
costate terminal_io always_on {
    if (strlen(term_in)>0) {                       // process command
        for (i=0; i<strlen(term_in); i++) term_in[i]=toupper(term_in[i]);
        if (strcmp(term_in,"CI")==0) {           // current inputs command?
            sprintf(term_out,"\r\nTrans: %e\r\nTrans Temp :
%f",cur_xducer_sensor,cur_xducer_temp);
            waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
            sprintf(term_out,"Baro: %f", cur_local_baro);
            waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
            sprintf(term_out,"Heatsink Temp: %f", cur_pod_temp);
            waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
            sprintf(term_out,"Ambient Temp: %f\r\nProduct 1 Temp:

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%f",cur_tank_temp_1,cur_tank_temp_2);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Product 2 Temp: %f\r\nProduct 3 Temp:
%f",cur_tank_temp_3,cur_tank_temp_4);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"CV")==0) { // current values
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nCor. Head: %f",mass);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Baro: %f", cur_local_baro);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Ambient Temp: %f",avg_tank_temp);
    //sprintf(term_out,"\r\nCor. Head: %f\r\nBaro: %f\r\nAmbient Temp: %f", mass,
cur_local_baro, avg_tank_temp);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"XT")==0) { // xducer temp info
    sprintf(term_out, "\r\nToday");
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Min: %f\r\nMax: %f\r\nAvg:
%f",xducer_temp_min,xducer_temp_max,xducer_temp_avg);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out, "\r\nYesterday");
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Min: %f\r\nMax: %f\r\nAvg:
%f",xducer_ytemp_min,xducer_ytemp_max,xducer_ytemp_avg);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strncmp(term_in,"DT",2)==0) { // current date?
    if (term_in[2]=='=') { // set date/time
        year = (term_in[3]-48)*10+term_in[4]-48+2000;
        month = (term_in[5]-48)*10+term_in[6]-48;
        day = (term_in[7]-48)*10+term_in[8]-48;
        hour = (term_in[9]-48)*10+term_in[10]-48;
        minute =(term_in[11]-48)*10+term_in[12]-48;
        write_datetime();
    }
    read_datetime();
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nYear: %d",year);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Month: %d\r\nDay: %d\r\nHour: %d",month,day,hour);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Minute:%d", minute);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
}

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if (strcmp(term_in,"TT",2)==0) { // transducer temp
    if (term_in[2]=='=') { // set transducer temp
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&desired_xducer_temp),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nHeatsink Temp: %f",cur_pod_temp);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Setpoint: %f",desired_xducer_temp);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    sprintf(term_out,"Heater: %s",heater?"ON":"OFF");
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"SD",2)==0) { // transducer temp
    if (term_in[2]=='=') { // set transducer temp
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&day_start),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
        start_hour = (int)(day_start/100);
        start_min = (int)(day_start-start_hour*100);
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nStart of Day: %2d:%2d",start_hour,start_min);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"MA",2)==0) { // t
    if (term_in[2]=='=') {
        modbusaddr = atoi(&(term_in[3]));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nModbus Addr: %d",modbusaddr);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"TD",2)==0) { // tank dia
    if (term_in[2]=='=') {
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&tank_dia),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nTank Dia: %f",tank_dia);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"SG",2)==0) { // specific gravity
    if (term_in[2]=='=') {
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&sg),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nSpecific G: %f",sg);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}

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if (strcmp(term_in,"BC",2)==0) { // baro correction factor
    if (term_in[2]!='=') {
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&Bcf),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nBaro Correct: %f",Bcf);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"CE",2)==0) { // coef of expansion
    if (term_in[2]!='=') {
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&coef_of_expn),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nCoef of Expn: %f",coef_of_expn);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"IT",2)==0) { // initial temp
    if (term_in[2]!='=') {
        u.f = atof(&(term_in[3]));
        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&initial_temp),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nInitial Temp: %f",initial_temp);
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"CS",2)==0) { // clear storage
    for (rr=0; rr<36; rr++) {
        data.f.year = 0;
        data.f.day = 0;
        data.f.hour = 0;
        data.f.initial1 = 1234;
        data.f.initial2 = rr;
        flash_write(rr);
    }
    sprintf(term_out,"\r\nAll data storage has been cleared.");
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
}
if (strcmp(term_in,"DD",2)==0) { // dump data in comma delimited format
    strcpy(term_out, "\r\n");
    waitfor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    // start with ram record, and go back up until we've reached zero
    for (ii=index; ii>=0; ii--) {
        if (data.f.baro[ii]!=0 || data.f.avg_temp[ii]!=0) { // print this record
            if (formatdt(-1,ii)>0) {
                sprintf(term_out,"%s, %f, %d, %d, %d",date_time,data.f.mass[ii],
                    data.f.baro[ii],data.f.avg_temp[ii],data.f.xducer_temp[ii]);
            }
        }
    }
}

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        waitFor(strlen(term_out)==0);
    }
}
// pickup the previous record and print it also,
// repeat until we've come back to the current record.
rr = current_record - 1;
do {
    yield;
    flash_read(rr);
    for (ii=240-1; ii>=0; ii--) {
        if ((old.f.baro[ii]!=0) || (old.f.avg_temp[ii]!=0)) { // print this record
            if (formatdt(rr,ii)>0){
                sprintf(term_out,"%s, %f, %d, %d, %d",date_time,old.f.mass[ii],
                    old.f.baro[ii],old.f.avg_temp[ii], old.f.xducer_temp[ii]);
                waitFor(strlen(term_out)==0);
            }
        }
    }
    rr--;
    if (rr<0) rr=36-1;
} while (rr != current_record);
}
sprintf(term_out,"*");
waitFor(strlen(term_out)==0);
term_in[0]=0;
}
yield;
}

// run serial baro sensor
costate baro_io always_on {
    strcpy(baro_cmd,"*0100P3");
    waitFor(DelaySec(45));
    if (strlen(baro_resp)>6) strcpy(serial_pressure,&(baro_resp[5]));
    else strcpy(serial_pressure,"0.0");
    cur_xducer_sensor = atof(serial_pressure);
    strcpy(baro_cmd,"*0100Q3");
    waitFor(DelaySec(10));
    if (strlen(baro_resp)>6) strcpy(serial_temp,&(baro_resp[5]));
    else strcpy(serial_temp,"0.0");
    cur_xducer_temp = atof(serial_temp)*9.0/5.0+32.0;
    waitFor(DelaySec(4));
}
}

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}

// get *E*ven word for *F*loating point modbus register
unsigned int EF(float f){
    modbusd.f = f;
    return modbusd.i[0];
}

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// *O*dd *W*ord
unsigned int OF(float f){
    modbusd.f = f;
    return modbusd.i[1];
}

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// write *E*ven word of modbus bus floating point write
void EW(float *f, int i){
    modbusd.i[0] = i;
    *f = modbusd.f;
}

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void OW(float *f, int i){
    modbusd.i[1] = i;
    *f = modbusd.f;
}

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/*=====
=====*\
        Read Output Coil (Registers 00001-00020)
\*=====
=====*/

```

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int
msOutRd ( unsigned   wCoil,
          int        *pnState
          )

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{
    return MS_BADADDR;
}

```

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/*=====
=====*\
        Write Output Coil (Registers 00001-00020)
\*=====
=====*/

```

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int
msOutWr ( unsigned  wCoil,
          int      bState
          )

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```

{
    return MS_BADADDR;
}

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/*=====*\
    Read Input Coil (Registers 10001-10020)
\*=====*/

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int
msIn ( unsigned  wCoil,
       int      *pnState
       )

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{
    return MS_BADADDR;
}

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/*=====*\
    Read Input Register (Registers 30001-3000A)
\*=====*/

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int
msInput ( unsigned  wReg,
          unsigned  *pwValue
          )

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{
    return MS_BADADDR;
}

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/*=====*\
    Read Register 40000
\*=====*/

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/**\ BeginHeader msRead */

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int msRead ( unsigned wReg,unsigned *pwValue );  
/** EndHeader */
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int  
msRead ( unsigned wReg,  
          unsigned *pwValue  
        )  
{  
    int rvalue;  
    int recnum, item;  
    int currec;  
  
    rvalue = 0;  
    switch (wReg) {  
        case 0:  
            *pwValue = year;  
            break;  
        case 1:  
            *pwValue = month;  
            break;  
        case 2:  
            *pwValue = day;  
            break;  
        case 3:  
            *pwValue = hour;  
            break;  
        case 4:  
            *pwValue = minute;  
            break;  
        case 10:  
            *pwValue = EF(desired_xducer_temp);  
            break;  
        case 11:  
            *pwValue = OF(desired_xducer_temp);  
            break;  
        case 12:  
            *pwValue = EF(tank_dia);  
            break;  
        case 13:  
            *pwValue = OF(tank_dia);  
            break;  
        case 14:  
            *pwValue = EF(sg);  
            break;  
        case 15:
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*pwValue = OF(sg);
break;
case 16:
    *pwValue = EF(coef_of_expn);
    break;
case 17:
    *pwValue = OF(coef_of_expn);
    break;
case 18:
    *pwValue = EF(initial_temp);
    break;
case 19:
    *pwValue = OF(initial_temp);
    break;
case 20:
    *pwValue = start_hour;
    break;
case 21:
    *pwValue = start_min;
    break;
case 22:
    *pwValue = EF(Bcf);
    break;
case 23:
    *pwValue = OF(Bcf);
    break;
case 100:
    *pwValue = EF(mass); // ??
    break;
case 101:
    *pwValue = OF(mass); // ??
    break;
case 102:
    *pwValue = EF(cur_xducer_temp);
    break;
case 103:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_xducer_temp);
    break;
case 104:
    *pwValue = EF(cur_tank_temp_1);
    break;
case 105:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_tank_temp_1);
    break;
case 106:
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*pwValue = EF(cur_tank_temp_2);
break;
case 107:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_tank_temp_2);
    break;
case 108:
    *pwValue = EF(cur_tank_temp_3);
    break;
case 109:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_tank_temp_3);
    break;
case 110:
    *pwValue = EF(cur_tank_temp_4);
    break;
case 111:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_tank_temp_4);
    break;
case 112:
    *pwValue = EF(xducer_temp_min);
    break;
case 113:
    *pwValue = OF(xducer_temp_min);
    break;
case 114:
    *pwValue = EF(xducer_temp_max);
    break;
case 115:
    *pwValue = OF(xducer_temp_max);
    break;
case 116:
    *pwValue = EF(xducer_temp_avg);
    break;
case 117:
    *pwValue = OF(xducer_temp_avg);
    break;
case 118:
    *pwValue = EF(xducer_ytemp_min);
    break;
case 119:
    *pwValue = OF(xducer_ytemp_min);
    break;
case 120:
    *pwValue = EF(xducer_ytemp_max);
    break;
case 121:
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    *pwValue = OF(xducer_ytemp_max);
    break;
case 122:
    *pwValue = EF(xducer_ytemp_avg);
    break;
case 123:
    *pwValue = OF(xducer_ytemp_avg);
    break;
case 124:
    *pwValue = EF(cur_local_baro);
    break;
case 125:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_local_baro);
    break;
case 126:
    *pwValue = EF(cur_xducer_sensor);
    break;
case 127:
    *pwValue = OF(cur_xducer_sensor);
    break;
default:
    rvalue = MS_BADADDR;
    break;
}

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if (wReg >= 1000) {

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    recnum = wReg/1000;
    item = wReg%1000;
    currec = getcurrentindex();
    if (recnum < currec) { // use current ram data
        switch (item) {
            case 0:
                *pwValue = data.f.year;
                break;
            case 1:
                *pwValue = data.f.month;
                break;
            case 2:
                *pwValue = data.f.day;
                break;
            case 3:
                if (data.f.hour < 12)
                    *pwValue = (int)(recnum*2)/60;
                else

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        *pwValue = 12 + (int)(recnum*2)/60;
        break;
case 4:
    *pwValue = (recnum * 2)%60;
    break;
case 6:
    *pwValue = EF(data.f.mass[currec-recnum-1]);
    break;
case 7:
    *pwValue = OF(data.f.mass[currec-recnum-1]);
    break;
case 8:
    *pwValue = data.f.baro[currec-recnum-1];
    break;
case 9:
    *pwValue = data.f.avg_temp[currec-recnum-1];
    break;
    }
    rvalue = 0;
}
else {
    // use flash data
    flash_read(getcurrentindex());
    switch (item) {
    case 0:
        *pwValue = old.f.year;
        break;
    case 1:
        *pwValue = old.f.month;
        break;
    case 2:
        *pwValue = old.f.day;
        break;
    case 3:
        if (old.f.hour<12)
            *pwValue = (int)((currec-recnum-1)*2)/60;
        else
            *pwValue = 12 + (int)((currec-recnum-1)*2)/60;
        break;
    case 4:
        *pwValue = ((currec-recnum-1) * 2)%60;
        break;
    case 6:
        *pwValue = EF(old.f.mass[currec-recnum-1]);
        break;
    case 7:

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        *pwValue = OF(old.f.mass[currec-recnum-1]);
        break;
    case 8:
        *pwValue = old.f.baro[currec-recnum-1];
        break;
    case 9:
        *pwValue = old.f.avg_temp[currec-recnum-1];
        break;
    }
    rvalue = 0;
}
}

// return rvalue;
return 0;
}

/*=====
=====*\
        Write Register
\*=====
=====*/

/**/ BeginHeader msWrite */
int msWrite ( unsigned wReg,unsigned wValue );
/**/ EndHeader */

int
msWrite ( unsigned wReg,
          unsigned wValue
          )
{
    int rvalue, i;
    union { float f; char c[4]; } u;

    rvalue = 0;
    switch (wReg) {
    case 0:
        year = wValue;
        write_datetime();
        break;
    case 1:
        month = wValue;
        write_datetime();
        break;

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case 2:
    day = wValue;
    write_datetime();
    break;
case 3:
    hour = wValue;
    write_datetime();
    break;
case 4:
    minute = wValue;
    write_datetime();
    break;
case 10:
    u.f = desired_xducer_temp;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&desired_xducer_temp),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 11:
    u.f = desired_xducer_temp;
    OW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&desired_xducer_temp),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 12:
    u.f = tank_dia;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&tank_dia),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 13:
    u.f = tank_dia;
    OW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&tank_dia),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 14:
    u.f = sg;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&sg),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 15:
    u.f = sg;
    OW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&sg),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 16:
    u.f = coef_of_expn;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);

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        i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&coef_of_expn),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
        break;
case 17:
    u.f = coef_of_expn;
    OW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&coef_of_expn),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 18:
    u.f = initial_temp;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&initial_temp),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 19:
    u.f = initial_temp;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&initial_temp),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 20:
    start_hour = wValue;
    i = day_start - (int)(day_start / 100)*100;
    u.f = start_hour + i;
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&day_start),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 21:
    start_min = wValue;
    u.f = ((int)(day_start/100))*100 + start_min;
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&day_start),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 22:
    u.f = Bcf;
    EW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&Bcf),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
case 23:
    u.f = Bcf;
    OW(&u.f, wValue);
    i=WriteFlash(phy_adr(&Bcf),u.c,sizeof(u.c));
    break;
default:
    rvalue = MS_BADADDR;
    break;
}
return rvalue;
}

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